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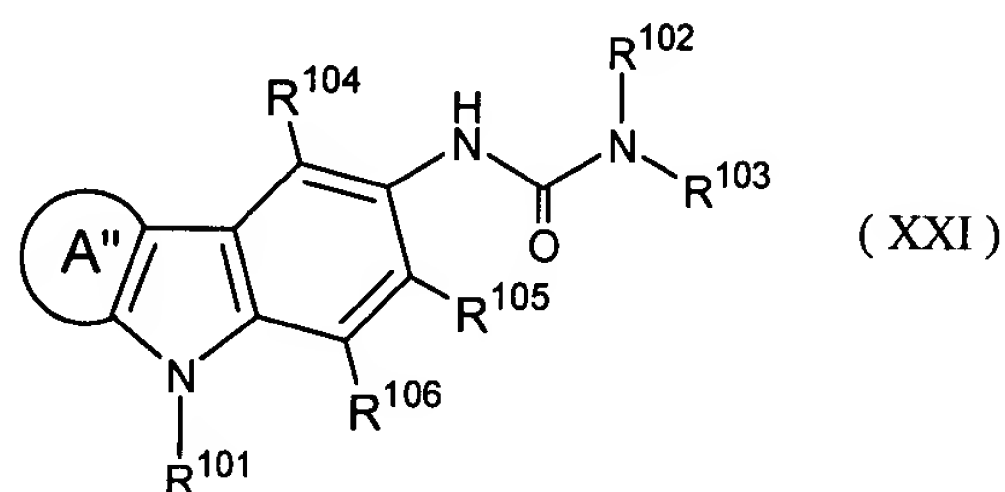
Amendments to the Claims

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

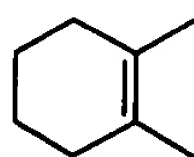
Claims 1-29 (canceled)

Claim 30 (new): A compound represented by the following general formula (XXI), or a salt thereof:



wherein:

A'' represents a ring of the following formula:



where said ring may have one or more substituents selected from lower alkyl groups, lower alkoxy groups and halogen atoms, and where the lower alkyl and lower alkoxy groups may have one or more substituents;

R¹⁰¹ represents a lower alkyl group or a lower acyl group, which groups may contain a ring structure, and may have one or more substituents;

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R^{102} represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having a total of 1 to 20 carbon atoms, which alkyl group may contain a ring structure, and may have one or more substituents;

R^{103} represents an alkyl group having a total of 1 to 20 carbon atoms, which alkyl group may contain a ring structure, and may have one or more substituents; and

R^{102} and R^{103} , together with the nitrogen atom to which they are bonded, may form a ring, which ring may contain one or more hetero atoms as ring members in addition to the nitrogen atom to which R^{102} and R^{103} are bonded, and which ring may have one or more substituents; and

R^{104} , R^{105} and R^{106} each independently represent a substituent selected from a hydrogen atom, a hydroxyl group, a lower alkyl group, a lower acyl group, a lower alkoxy group, a halogen atom, an amino group, a mono(lower alkyl)amino group, a di(lower alkyl)amino group, a lower acylamino group and an amido group, which substituent may have one or more substituents.

Claim 31 (new): The compound or the salt thereof according to claim 30, wherein R^{101} is a lower alkyl group which may contain a ring structure, and may have one or more substituents.

Claim 32 (new): The compound or the salt thereof according to claim 30, wherein R^{103} is an alkyl group having one or more substituents containing one or more hetero atoms selected from a nitrogen atom, an oxygen atom and a sulfur atom.

Claim 33 (new): The compound or the salt thereof according to claim 32, wherein the one or more substituents of the alkyl group represented by R^{103} are selected from a hydroxyl group, an

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amino group, a cyano group, a carbamoyl group, a sulfamoyl group, a lower alkoxy group, a lower alkylthio group, a lower alkylsulfonylamino group, a lower alkylcarbonylamino group, a hydroxyalkyl group, a hydroxyalkyloxy group, an alkoxyalkyloxy group, a monoalkylamino group, a dialkylamino group, a lower alkylsulfonylaminoalkoxy group, a lower alkylcarbonylaminoalkoxy group, a lower alkylsulfonylaminoalkylthio group, a lower alkylcarbonylaminoalkylthio group, a tetrazolyl group, a triazolyl group, an imidazolyl group, a pyridyl group, a morpholinyl group, a morpholino group, a thiomorpholino group, a piperazino group, a piperazinyl group, a piperidino group, a piperidinyl group, a pyrrolidinyl group, a triazolylthio group and an imidazolylthio group.

Claim 34 (new): The compound or the salt thereof according to claim 30, wherein R^{101} is a lower alkyl group, R^{102} is an alkyl group, and R^{103} is an alkyl group having a substituent selected from a hydroxyl group, an amino group, a cyano group, a carbamoyl group, a sulfamoyl group, a lower alkoxy group, a lower alkylthio group, a lower alkylsulfonylamino group, a lower alkylcarbonylamino group, a hydroxyalkyl group, a hydroxyalkyloxy group, an alkoxyalkyloxy group, a monoalkylamino group, a dialkylamino group, a lower alkylsulfonylaminoalkoxy group, a lower alkylcarbonylaminoalkoxy group, a lower alkylsulfonylaminoalkylthio group, a lower alkylcarbonylaminoalkylthio group, a tetrazolyl group, a triazolyl group, an imidazolyl group, a pyridyl group, a morpholinyl group, a morpholino group, a thiomorpholino group, a piperazino group, a piperazinyl group, a piperidino group, a piperidinyl group, a pyrrolidinyl group, a triazolylthio group and an imidazolylthio group.

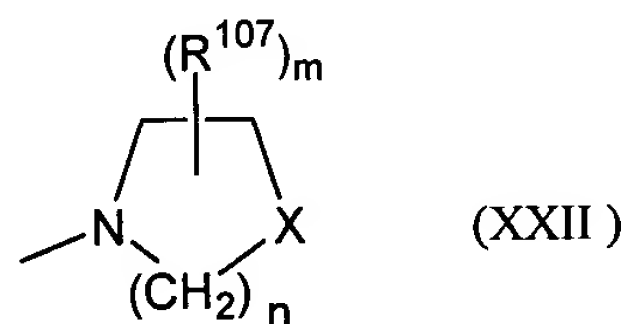
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Claim 35 (new): The compound or the salt thereof according to claim 34, wherein R^{103} is a pyridylalkyl group.

Claim 36 (new): The compound or the salt thereof according to claim 35, wherein R^{101} is an isopropyl group, R^{102} is a methyl group, and R^{103} is a pyridylethyl group.

Claim 37 (new): The compound or the salt thereof according to claim 36, wherein the pyridylethyl group is a 2-(4-pyridyl)ethyl group.

Claim 38 (new): The compound or the salt thereof according to claim 30, wherein the ring formed by R^{102} and R^{103} is a ring represented by the general formula (XXII):



wherein

X represents $-\text{CH}_2-$, $-\text{O}-$, $-\text{S}-$, $-\text{NH}-$ or $-\text{NR}^{108}-$, and R^{108} is a lower alkyl group, a lower acyl group, a phenyl group or a heterocyclic group, where said lower alkyl, lower acyl, phenyl and heterocyclic groups may have one or more substituents;

n represents an integer of from 1 to 4;

R^{107} represents a hydroxyl group, an amino group, a cyano group, a lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxy group, a lower alkylthio group, a lower alkylcarbonyl group, where said lower alkyl,

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lower alkoxy, lower alkylthio and lower alkylcarbonyl groups may contain a ring structure, and may have one or more substituents, an aryl group which may have one or more substituents, or a heterocyclic group;

m represents 0 or an integer of from 1 to 4, provided that for $m \geq 2$, the groups R^{107} may be the same or different.

Claim 39 (new): The compound or the salt thereof according to claim 38, wherein X is -CH₂-, -O- or -S-.

Claim 40 (new): A medicament comprising as an active ingredient at least one of a compound according to claim 30, a physiologically acceptable salt thereof, a hydrate thereof and a solvate thereof.

Claim 41 (new): A medicament comprising as an active ingredient at least one of a compound according to claim 31, a physiologically acceptable salt thereof, a hydrate thereof and a solvate thereof.

Claim 42 (new): A medicament comprising as an active ingredient at least one of a compound according to claim 32, a physiologically acceptable salt thereof, a hydrate thereof and a solvate thereof.

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Claim 43 (new): A medicament comprising as an active ingredient at least one of a compound according to claim 33, a physiologically acceptable salt thereof, a hydrate thereof and a solvate thereof.

Claim 44 (new): A medicament comprising as an active ingredient at least one of a compound according to claim 34, a physiologically acceptable salt thereof, a hydrate thereof and a solvate thereof.

Claim 45 (new): A medicament comprising as an active ingredient at least one of a compound according to claim 35, a physiologically acceptable salt thereof, a hydrate thereof and a solvate thereof.

Claim 46 (new): A medicament comprising as an active ingredient at least one of a compound according to claim 36, a physiologically acceptable salt thereof, a hydrate thereof and a solvate thereof.

Claim 47 (new): A medicament comprising as an active ingredient at least one of a compound according to claim 37, a physiologically acceptable salt thereof, a hydrate thereof and a solvate thereof.

Claim 48 (new): A method of controlling ingestion, wherein the method comprises

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administering to a subject in need thereof an effective amount of at least one of a compound according to claim 30, a physiologically acceptable salt thereof, a hydrate thereof and a solvate thereof.

Claim 49 (new): A method of controlling ingestion, wherein the method comprises administering to a subject in need thereof an effective amount of at least one of a compound according to claim 37, a physiologically acceptable salt thereof, a hydrate thereof and a solvate thereof.

Claim 50 (new): A method of treating diabetes, wherein the method comprises administering to a subject in need thereof an effective amount of at least one of a compound according to claim 30, a physiologically acceptable salt thereof, a hydrate thereof and a solvate thereof.

Claim 51 (new): A method of treating diabetes, wherein the method comprises administering to a subject in need thereof an effective amount of at least one of a compound according to claim 37, a physiologically acceptable salt thereof, a hydrate thereof and a solvate thereof.

Claim 52 (new): A method of treating at least one of hypercholesterolemia, hyperlipidemia and arteriosclerosis, wherein the method comprises administering to a subject in need thereof an effective amount of at least one of a compound according to claim 30, a physiologically acceptable salt thereof, a hydrate thereof and a solvate thereof.

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Claim 53 (new): A method of treating at least one of hypercholesterolemia, hyperlipidemia or arteriosclerosis, wherein the method comprises administering to a subject in need thereof an effective amount of at least one of a compound according to claim 37, a physiologically acceptable salt thereof, a hydrate thereof and a solvate thereof.

Claim 54 (new): The compound or the salt thereof according to claim 30, which is a ligand for a neuropeptide Y receptor.

Claim 55 (new): A process for the manufacture of a medicament, wherein the process comprises combining a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier with at least one of a compound according to claim 30, a physiologically acceptable salt thereof, a hydrate thereof and a solvate thereof.

Claim 56 (new): A process for the manufacture of a medicament, wherein the process comprises combining a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier with at least one of a compound according to claim 37, a physiologically acceptable salt thereof, a hydrate thereof and a solvate thereof.